

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON**

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on November 19, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, Finance Director Clerk Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Wentz declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Chuck Bouly, Ken Johnson, Bob Burns, Richard Vickers, Ric Fredrickson, Charlotte Justyna, Paul Justyna, Sandy Sterling. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Bob Burns gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Ron Copple, with 30 years with the City, and Charlotte Justyna, with 15 years, were given service awards. A light reception followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21

APPROVED

Answers to questions asked: the carburetor was purchased, not rented, from Construction Rental. Harrison Software is annual support and updates for ambulance billing.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2014 CURB & GUTTER PROJECTS

HELD

Mayor Wentz opened the public hearing.

Ron Copple said the homeowners have been billed, and three have paid. The remaining three projects, if not paid by December 31, will be put on taxes next year.

Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNDERWRITER SERVICES – PLUM ROAD DAM BOND

APPROVED

Chuck Bouly, from George K. Baum, said bonds were ready to be issued. There is an urgency in order to get them sold and closed by the end of the year.

Commissioner Parker moved to authorize the mayor to sign the engagement agreement with George K. Baum & Co. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2014-1998 BOND SALE

PASSED

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014, came on for consideration and was discussed.

Commissioner Parker presented and moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Commissioner Pounds seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Thereupon, the Resolution was read and considered, and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted; the Clerk designating the same Resolution No. 2014-1998.

ORDINANCES:

2014-3085 CURB & GUTTER PROJECTS

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING TO EACH LOT, PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND LIABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS FOR THE COST.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3085, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

2014-3086 WATER RATES

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN WATER AND SEWER RATES; REPEALING SECTIONS 20-31 AND 20-32 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 20-31 AND 20-32.

Consensus by the commissioners was to also increase the wastewater treatment fee an additional \$5.00 per meter, per month. It was decided to study the declining charges on sewer usage, as usage increases.

Thereupon, Commissioner Johnson moved that said Ordinance be passed, with the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3086, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

2014-3087 ZONING CHANGE – 600 BROADWAY ST.

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3087, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the City received a \$3900.00 grant for the disc golf course. We will be switching to CityCode for our codification, as Municipal Code has gotten costly. At the Broadway Plaza site, the structural engineer wants to study the wall more, on its condition. He discussed having cable and wi-fi at the plaza.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch discussed a cell tower to be constructed at 15th & Hill.

Commissioner Pounds inquired about the new washer & dryer at the animal shelter. He commended the police department on solving the airport break-in. There was discussion on the co-op repairing Broadway Street from 1st to 5th, for truck traffic.

Commissioner Johnson said the homeowners of the Elmhurst marker that was knocked over on Willow Street would like it replaced. He said a clock tower at the Broadway Plaza that could be seen from four sides would be beneficial.

Mayor Wentz asked about the lights in the parking lot on 5th Street. Ron Copple said they work sporadically, and has the parts to fix them.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein said he will have several resolutions at the next meeting to start condemnation on several properties.

Chad Buckley said the treatment plant staff has been hauling sludge.

Ken Johnson said some water line has been installed at Plum Road. Also, the company hired to do the mapping will be flying over in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wentz announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk